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Dr. Ralph W. Sockman
1 Madison Avenue
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Dear Dr. Sockman:

I regretted exceedingly that I was unable to attend the unveiling of the statue of Miss Anthony on May 18 when Miss Estelle, the State President of New York, whom I had asked to place the wreath for the National WCTU wrote me that she was unable to accept the commission because of engagements upstate in New York. I was in San Francisco at the time and did not have with me the name of the woman to whom I had sent the money for the wreath. Evidently Miss Estelle wrote her that she would be unable to be there and this woman called the New York office. I had not notified them that I had asked my daughter, Mrs. Virginia Pierson, a member of the Crestwood Methodist Church, to perform this duty for the National. When Virginia called a few days before the ceremony she was told that Mrs. Gladys Smith's name had already been placed on the printed program. Mrs. Smith is the State Corresponding Secretary of the New York WCTU and was not what I would call a representative woman.

However, the wreath was there and the recognition given to the WCTU for its interest in and approval of the selection of Miss Anthony in this wonderful collection of famous Americans. The National and World's WCTU were interested in seeing that Miss Anthony was thus recognized, and we appreciate the decision of the committee of which you are chairman.

Sincerely yours,

Mamie D. Colvin

Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin
National President

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